

17 December 1968  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Case 32254 -- Fred Z. Launags

1. Around 1900 PST, 15 December 1968 the Portland Resident Agent received a collect call at his residence from Fred Launags who said he was then in Tenino, Washington, a small town of about 800 some 90 miles south of Seattle. Launags informed me that he was broke and needed bus fare in the amount of \$2.60 so that he could continue to Portland where he could obtain employment. He was informed, per previous Headquarters instructions, that he was an American citizen and that we had no money with which to further assist him. However, in view of his sad plight he was told that I would send him \$5 so that he could get to Portland. Launags said that he would continue on to Centralia, Washington and asked that the money be sent to him in care of general delivery there. Subsequently, that same evening I mailed an envelope to him containing \$5.

2. At approximately 1000 PST, 16 December 1968 a collect call was received at the Office of the FRA from Launags who was then in custody of the Sheriff's Office, Olympia, Washington. It is noted that Olympia is the county seat for Thurston County in which Tenino is located. Launags informed us that he had been arrested and when asked the nature of the charge he was vague. However, he said that a "so called officer" informed him that the charge was vagrancy. Launags wanted me to represent him in court and when told I was not licensed to practice in Washington he became quite indignant and abusive, whereupon I terminated the conversation.

3. I then informed Chief, [ ] Office of Launags' plight and was told that he would soon call back. Chief, [ ] Office then called to inform us that he had contacted the [ ] Office, FBI and that that office would contact their agent in the vicinity of Olympia who would arrange Launags' release and advance him sufficient money, to be repaid by the [ ] Office, to enable Launags to continue his odyssey. I then called the jailer at the Sheriff's Office, Olympia to inform him that he would be contacted by an agent

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to arrange for Launags' release. The jailer, who was unidentified, said that Launags was due in court soon on a vagrancy charge and asked if there was something wrong with the guy. He was informed that Launags was a mental case but not committable.

4. The above information is recorded for information purposes at this time.

cc: Chief, [ ] Office  
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